

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable John W. McCormack Speaker House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter transmits for the consideration of the Congress, a draft bill to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and for other purposes. The purpose of the proposed bill is to provide for technical amendment to legislative authorities pertaining to the Central Intelligence Agency. Some of the provisions are necessary to achieve desired legal clarification of existing Agency authority. Others are necessary to provide authorities which have been granted by Congress elsewhere in Government for travel, medical care, claims, retirement, and similar housekeeping-type programs.

We consider enactment of the proposed bill to be essential to the effective performance of our mission and would appreciate early and favorable consideration. The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of the proposed bill to the Congress from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms Director

Enclosures